

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-33 are subject to an election requirement. Applicant has amended the specification and claims 2, 8, 14, 16, 18, 23, and 32 to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has required election of disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In particular, the Examiner has required election of each of the following four species: (a) a specific base; (b) a specific thiol compound and whether the specific thiol compound is in solution or is bound to a solid support; (c) a specific medium; and (d) a specific amino group.

In response to the requirement for election of a specific base, Applicant elects, without traverse, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene. Claims that are readable thereon are claims 1-33.

In response to the requirement for election of a specific thiol compound, Applicant elects, without traverse, 1-octanethiol that is in solution. Claims that are readable thereon are claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-24, 26-27, and 32-33.

In response to the requirement for election of a specific medium, Applicant elects, without traverse, tetrahydrofuran. Claims that are readable thereon are claims 1-33.

In response to the requirement for election of a specific amino group, Applicant elects, without traverse, a Fmoc protected amino group having the formula $\text{Fmoc-NR}^1\text{R}^2$, wherein R^1 is 2-hydroxy-1-hydroxymethyl-2-phenyl-ethylamino, and R^2 is 2-hydroxy-1-hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-pentylamino. Claims that are readable thereon are claims 1-33.

Claims that are readable on the specific base, the specific thiol compound, the specific medium, and the specific amino group are claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-24, 26-27, and 32-33.

Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is, therefore, earnestly requested.


If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 843-5852.

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